

Worksession

Agenda Item #	4
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Discussion Item	Proposal Regarding City Gardens and Landscaped Areas
Background	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are approximately 54 garden/landscaped locations in the City. Some are substantial and others are quite small. 2. Over the last several years, the Gardens Division has assumed responsibility for several garden areas without the benefit of additional funding or personnel. (See attachment.) 3. Under the current budget, the Gardens Division strives to service each garden or landscaped area once per year. 4. The Gardens Division is composed of one working supervisor, one permanent technician and one temporary employee. The temporary employee line (\$12,500) is used to keep a temporary employee on the job about half of the fiscal year. Project monies are used when available to keep that person working for a longer period. Five thousand dollars were allocated for plant materials and garden supplies for FY05. 5. Councilmember Joy Austin-Lane has proposed increasing funding for the City's gardens and landscaped areas. If \$37,500 in additional funds were made available, \$27,500 of the funds would help maintain the newly added areas and allow for service two or three times per year. \$10,000 would be allocated to the Arborist's budget for replacement of Pin-Oaks along Maple Avenue that will need to be removed due to interference with PEPCO lines. These funds would allow for the installation of approximately 35 street trees.
Policy	Determination of the desired level of service regarding the City's landscaped areas vis-a-vis levels of service of other City operations.
Fiscal Impact	Approximately \$37,500
Attachments	A table listing additional gardens.
Recommendation	For discussion
Special Consideration	N/A

The table below lists gardens, parks or landscaping areas that have been or likely will be added to the Gardens Division's and Arborist's responsibility. No additional maintenance funding or staffing were added when these landscaped areas were added.

Location	Date of Increased City Maintenance Responsibility	Type of Plants	Cost to Provide High Level Maintenance
Carroll Avenue (SHA) near University	2004	Shrubs, Liriope, perennials and other low maintenance plants. Materials and labor for annual maintenance.	\$5000
Carroll Avenue near Laurel	2005	Liriope and small trees. Maintenance	operating budget
Holton Lane	2003	Shrubs, perennials and small trees, Maintenance of plant material and labor	\$1500
Forest Park	2003	Perennials, shrubs and ornamental trees, and Liriapi, Maintenance of plant material and labor	\$2500
Merwood Strip	2003	Shrubs and Ground Cover, perennials and Spring Bulbs. Maintenance of plant material and labor	\$1000
Sherman and Maple	2003	Shrubs, perennials, vines and Bulbs and Ground Cover, small trees. Maintenance of plant material and labor	\$3000
Fenton and Takoma	2004	Shrubs and Ground Cover, ornamental trees. Maintenance of plant material and labor	\$1000
Sligo and Maple	2003	Perennials, Shrubs, ornamental trees. Maintenance of plant material and labor	\$1500
Piney Branch	2003	Liriapi and ornamental trees. Installed by SHA. Maintenance of plant material and labor	\$8000
Heffner	2004/2005	Perennials, shrubs, ornamental trees	\$4000
Maple Avenue	2004/2005	Replacement for Pin-Oak removal	\$10,000
Total			\$37, 500